

Dear Examiner Coe:

Once again, thank you very much for granting us an interview at this late stage of prosecution. Through mutual understanding and cooperation, I hope we can bring this case to resolution.

For your convenience, I have listed below five possible ways of amending our independent claims which would hopefully make them allowable. Please review them. I will call you at 11:30 AM (Pacific Time) on April 22, 2003 as scheduled.

Amendment 1:

1. (Twice Amended) A composition containing Asiasari Radix extracts extracted through a chlorinated aliphatic solvent and having at least two therapeutically effective agents therein for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.

12. (Twice Amended) A composition for improving memory and protecting brain cells containing a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts obtained by the following sequential fractionation procedure: subjecting Asiasari Radix to extraction with a lower alcohol having between 1 carbon atom and 4 carbon atoms or organic solvent, the resulting Asiasari Radix extract being solubilized in a methanol:water mixed solvent having a pH adjusted to 2-4 with acid and subjected to extraction with equal volume of a chlorinated aliphatic solvent such as chloroform to obtain a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.

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Amendment 2:

1. (Twice Amended) A composition containing Asiasari Radix extracts extracted through a solvent system containing a lower alcohol and water and having a mixture of at least two therapeutically effective agents therein for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.

12. (Twice Amended) A composition for improving memory and protecting brain cells containing a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts obtained by the following sequential fractionation procedure: subjecting Asiasari Radix to extraction with a solvent system containing water and a lower alcohol having between 1 carbon atom and 4 carbon atoms or organic solvent, the resulting Asiasari Radix extract having a mixture of at least two therapeutically effective agents therein and being solubilized in

a methanol:water mixed solvent having a pH adjusted to 2-4 with acid and subjected to extraction with equal volume of chloroform to obtain a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.

Amendment 3:

1. (Twice Amended) A composition containing Asiasari Radix extracts having at least two therapeutically effective agents therein and being subjected to multiple pH adjustments with an acid and a base for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.

12. (Twice Amended) A composition for improving memory and protecting brain cells containing a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts obtained by the following sequential fractionation procedure: subjecting Asiasari Radix to extraction with a lower alcohol having between 1 carbon atom and 4 carbon atoms or organic solvent, the resulting Asiasari Radix extract being solubilized in a methanol:water mixed solvent, having a pH adjusted to 2-4 with an acid and to about 10 with a base and subjected to extraction with equal volume of chloroform to obtain a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.

Amendment 4:

1. (Twice Amended) A composition containing Asiasari Radix extracts extracted through a chlorinated aliphatic solvent and having at least two therapeutically effective agents therein, the extracts being subjected to multiple pH adjustments with an acid and a base for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.

12. (Twice Amended) A composition for improving memory and protecting brain cells containing a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts obtained by the following sequential fractionation procedure: subjecting Asiasari Radix to extraction with a lower alcohol having between 1 carbon atom and 4 carbon atoms or organic solvent, the resulting Asiasari Radix extract being solubilized in a methanol:water mixed solvent, having a pH adjusted to 2-4 with an acid and to about 10 with a base and

subjected to extraction with equal volume of a chlorinated aliphatic solvent such as chloroform to obtain a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.

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Amendment 5:

1. (Twice Amended) A composition containing Asiasari Radix extracts having at least two therapeutically effective agents therein for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.

12. (Twice Amended) A composition for improving memory and protecting brain cells containing a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts obtained by the following sequential fractionation procedure: subjecting Asiasari Radix to extraction with a lower alcohol having between 1 carbon atom and 4 carbon atoms or organic solvent, the resulting Asiasari Radix extract being solubilized in a methanol:water mixed solvent, having a pH adjusted to 2-4 with an acid and subjected to extraction with equal volume of chloroform to obtain a chloroform fraction of Asiasari Radix extracts for improving memory and protecting brain cells against damage caused by excitatory amino acids and oxidative stresses.